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DWR Releases East Branch Extension – Phase II Draft EIR

SACRAMENTO -- The Department of Water Resources has released the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the State Water Project (SWP) East Branch Extension - Phase II.

This document is available for review and comment at:

http://www.doe.water.ca.gov/Projects/Current/EBX_PhaseII/

Publication of the Draft EIR marks the beginning of a 45-day public review period during which comments may be directed to:

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Environmental impacts associated with construction and operation of the East Branch Extension - Phase II project are addressed in the Draft EIR.

That proposed project consists of approximately six miles of new 72 and 78-inch diameter pipe, a new 560 acre-foot reservoir (Citrus Reservoir), a new 200 cubic feet per second (cfs) pump station (Citrus Pump Station), expansion of the existing Crafton Hills Pump Station from 60 to 135 cfs, and installation of an additional pump at the existing Cherry Valley Pump Station to increase capacity from 32 to 56 cfs.

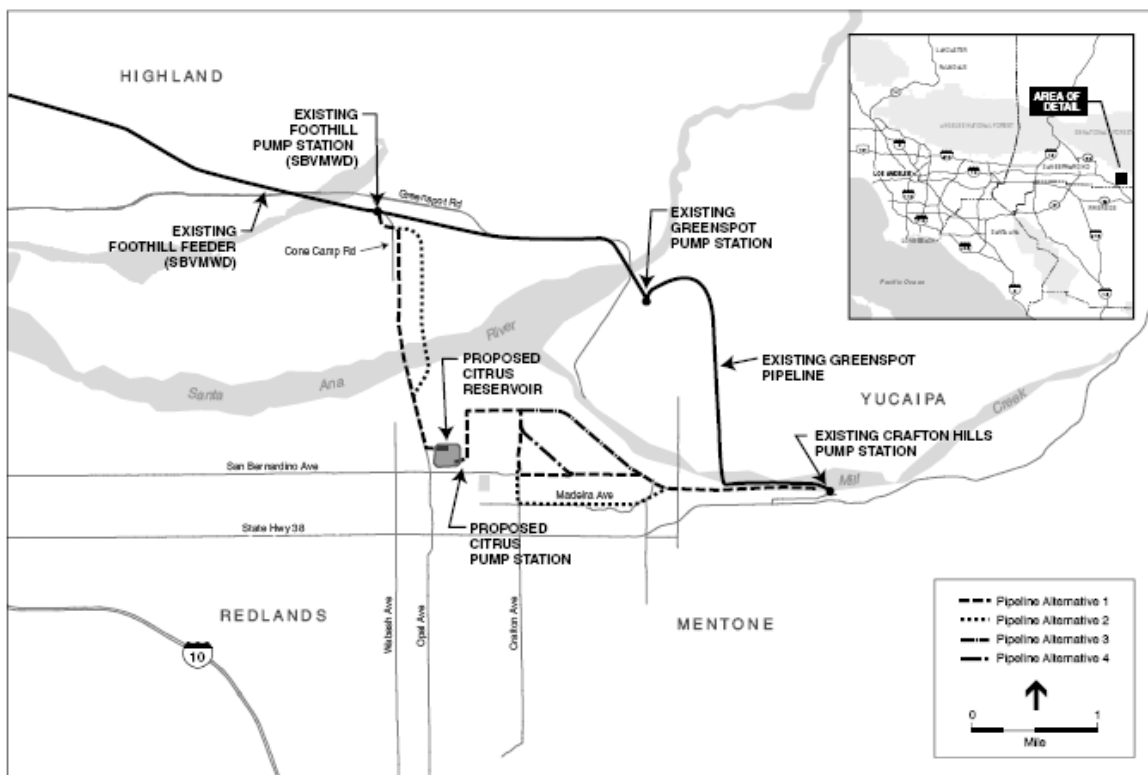
The East Branch Extension conveys water to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District (SBVMWD) and the San Geronio Pass Water Agency (SGPWA) in

San Bernardino and Riverside Counties.

Phase II would complete the East Branch Extension's planned capacity increase, allowing SGPWA to receive its maximum annual Table A amount of SWP water. In addition, the project would enable SBVMWD to increase its distribution system capacity to the Redlands and Yucaipa Valley service areas.

A public meeting to receive comments on the Draft EIR is scheduled for Thursday, August 14, 2008, from 6 until 8 p.m. at the Yucaipa Community Center, 34900 Oak Glen Road, Yucaipa, CA 92399.

A project diagram is provided below.



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The Department of Water Resources operates and maintains the State Water Project, provides dam safety and flood control and inspection services, assists local water districts in water management and water conservation planning, and plans for future statewide water needs.

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